

MISSISSIPPI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2026-2027 MTAF Scholarship Application
Submission Deadline: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

TERMS & DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline to Apply for the First-Semester is Tuesday, June 9, 2026

The scholarship will be awarded on a per-semester basis. To apply for your first-semester, please read and complete the following information.

Deadline to Apply for the Second-Semester is Monday, December 28, 2026

The second-semester is available only upon written notification by the recipient to the MTA Office of their desire to renew the scholarship. In addition, to their renewal letter, the recipient must attach a **fall transcript, and course schedule for the second semester.**

The total amount of the scholarship will not exceed \$2,000 per year and will be awarded in two (2) segments each year. Scholarship monies are to be used for tuition purposes only. Please note: **Scholarships are limited to a maximum of two (2) years.**

METHOD OF AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP

An awards ceremony for the scholarship winners will be scheduled in July 2026. The scholarship checks will be mailed directly to the appropriate Financial Aid Office at the college or university student is attending.

Winners will be notified two weeks prior to the ceremony. This is an important ceremony to attend and you will have the opportunity to meet and thank the person responsible for your scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY

Any college freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in good standing, attending an accredited community college, four year college or university **in Mississippi** and in addition to the above, who falls within any of the classifications listed below, is eligible for a scholarship:

1. Students who have a parent or spouse actively employed in the trucking industry.
2. Students who had a parent or spouse fatally injured on the job, while employed in the trucking industry.
3. Students who are planning to earn a degree in a field of study involving the trucking transportation industry.
4. Students who are children or a spouse of an independent contractor affiliated with a trucking company.
5. Students who have a parent actively employed with or have a parent who was fatally injured while on the job as an Enforcement Officer of either the MS Department of Public Safety Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division OR Motor Carrier Safety Division.
6. Students who are currently employed in the trucking industry.

QUALIFICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

The recipient of the scholarship must show excellent scholastic achievement, **WHILE MAINTAINING A FULL-TIME STUDENT STATUS (ENROLLED IN 12 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS, AND A 2.0 GPA PER SEMESTER)**. The criteria for awarding the scholarship will be based on a combination of financial need, scholastic aptitude and moral character. The scholarship will be awarded without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or religion.

WHAT VOIDS THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The scholarship will be voided on the basis of expulsion or dismissal from school, failure to maintain full-time status (taking 12 or more credit hours and a 2.0 GPA per semester), discontinuance of the education process for more than 12 consecutive months, or failure to comply with any deadlines outlined within this application. Also, the Trustees reserve the right to withdraw the scholarship at their discretion.

PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS MUST SEND A COPY OF THEIR OFFICIAL FALL TRANSCRIPTS
TO MTA BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2026,
IN ORDER TO RENEW THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS.
NO ONLINE or UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications are due in the MTA office or postmarked by Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

A potential candidate for a scholarship must provide all of the following information in order to be considered. Failure to submit any one of the below listed items results in the scholarship application not being considered.

1. Send a completed application
2. Send a complete OFFICIAL transcript of all high school (if upcoming freshman in college) or college courses and grades. **(Anything without an OFFICIAL seal from the registrar WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)** I will also need your Fall Schedule.
3. Completion of a minimum 500-word essay in MLA Format (as outlined in Application #16)
4. Provide the name, address and telephone number of the person and department within the college or university to which the scholarship check should be sent for disbursement.
5. Include a professional photograph (Senior Portrait). **NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A PHOTOGRAPH!**

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PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU MUST REAPPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AT THE END OF YOUR FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE/JUNIOR YEAR FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR!

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Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Permanent Address:

(Number & Street) (City) (State & Zip)

Cell Phone: () _____ **Email Address:** _____

Social Security Number or Student ID: _____

Check One: I will be enrolled full time beginning Fall 2026 as a:

____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior at _____
(Name of College/University in MS)

1. Date of Birth: _____

2. Name and Occupation of Parents:

Father: _____
(Name) (Occupation)

(Employer's Name, Address and Telephone Number)

(Father's E-Mail) (Father's Cell Phone #)

Mother: _____
(Name) (Occupation)

(Employer's Name, Address and Telephone Number)

(Mother's E-Mail) (Mother's Cell Phone #)

3. Indicate below your Preparatory Education:

- High School: _____
(Name) (Dates) (GPA)

(City, State and Zip)
- College: _____
(Name) (Dates) (GPA)

(City, State and Zip)

4. List academic honors you received in high school or college, including scholarships, fellowships and prizes, and honorary scholastic societies to which you have been elected.

High School:

College:

5. List and identify the extracurricular activities in which you have participated and the clubs and organizations of which you have been a member, indicating any offices held in high school or college.

High School:

College:

6. List your activities and memberships in organizations outside of high school or college.

High School:

College:

7. Describe any internship and/or co-op program that you have completed or are currently enrolled in.

8. Please indicate your major field of study and what you plan to do after graduation.

9. List in reverse order, beginning with the latest, the last full-time or part-time jobs including summer jobs, in which you have been employed.

Employer	Address	Date	Type of Work
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10. Describe briefly military service, dates thereof, and present military status.

11. Estimate extent to which you have been self-supporting thus far during your high school or college career _____. About how many hours weekly (average) did you work during the last school year? _____. The current school year? _____ Describe the nature of your work during your high school or college years:

12. Have you had a parent fatally injured on the job, while employed in the trucking industry? Please explain:

13. Give as references the names of 3 (three) people, not relatives, who know your work.

- Name _____ Occupation _____
Address _____
(Street or P.O. Box) (City) (State & Zip)
Telephone #: () _____
- Name _____ Occupation _____
Address _____
(Street or P.O. Box) (City) (State & Zip)
Telephone #: () _____
- Name _____ Occupation _____
Address _____
(Street or P.O. Box) (City) (State & Zip)
Telephone #: () _____

14. Hometown Newspaper: _____

- Hometown Newspaper Phone Number: _____

15. School Name & Address to mail Scholarship Check: _____

16. Submission of a **minimum 500 word essay** in MLA Format on the following topic: Interview someone in the trucking industry and describe how trucking has positively impacted them. **(Past MTAF Applicants: If you chose this topic in a previous MTAF essay, you must interview someone different for your 2026-2027 MTAF Scholarship essay.)**

NOTE: Scholarship essays must be the original work of the applicant. Use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools or platforms to generate or write any portion of the essay is strictly prohibited. Essays suspected of being generated or assisted by AI may be disqualified at the discretion of the MTAF scholarship committee. By submitting an essay, applicants certify that their work is original and complies with this requirement.

Complete Application, Print, and Return with:

Official Transcript of all College Courses/Grades, Essay, Contact for College or University, and Recent Photograph to address below:

**Please Return To: Mississippi Trucking Association
Attn: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
825 N. President Street
Jackson, MS 39202**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO
THE MTA OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY:**

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!
